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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. (U. S. Patent 6,618,692) in view of Hu et al. (U. S. Patent 6,314,379).

Regarding claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26-27 and 32, Takahashi discloses a quality assurance for use between a service provider and a control center (Fig. 18), comprising the steps of: transferring of engineering data corresponding to the process to the control center via Internet (column 18, lines 51-65), and holding of the goods at the first process stage by the service provider (column 11, lines 38-59); comparison of the engineering data with a standard specification for confirming quality of the goods by the control center (column 20, lines 39-50; Fig. 17); transferring of a confirmation message to the service provider via the Internet by the control center if the engineering data conforms to the standard specification (column 21, lines 4-26); and release of the goods for further operations by the service provider after the confirmation message is received (column 21, lines 20);

Takahashi fails to disclose performing of a process on goods at a first process stage by the service provider and the test processes are circuit probe tests.

Hu discloses performing of a process on goods at a first process stage by the service provider (Fig. 3) and the test processes are circuit probe tests (Fig. 2, element 115). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to modify the teachings of Takahashi with the teachings of Hu in order to provide a remote diagnostic system and a remote diagnostic method which enables the user to carry out with high reliability diagnostic using highly analytical data and further eases the economical burden on the developer of the diagnostic software.

Regarding claims 2, 7, 12, 17, 22 and 28, Takahashi discloses transferring of a fail message to the service provider by the control center if the engineering data does not conform to the standard specification (Fig. 8; Fig. 19)

Regarding claims 3, 8, 13, 18, 23 and 29, Takahashi discloses performing of a recovery measure on the goods by the service provider if the fail message is received (column 15, line 65 – column 16, lines 20).

Regarding claims 4, 9, 14, 19, 24 and 30, Takahashi discloses the engineering data comprises identity of the goods, stage name of the first process stage, and process information of the process at the first process stage (column 15, lines 9-33; Fig. 7).

Regarding claims 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 31, Takahashi discloses the process information comprises a recipe used in the first process stage (column 15, lines 19-20).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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4. Any inquiry concerning communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Kidest Bahta, whose telephone number is (703) 308-6103. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by phone fail, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard, can be reached (703) 308-0538. Additionally, the fax phone for Art Unit 2125 is (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist at (703) 305-9600.

Kidest Bahta

May 24, 2004

